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Authorities of the Moscow Penicillin Factory reported that on 15 September the five-year production quota had been filled. This achievement was possible due to improved industrial technology and better utilization of factory resources. The factory, by having exceeded production quotas, will benefit the state to the amount of 700,000 rubles.

An article in the Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy (Workers of the Trans-Baykal) revealed that the Ministry of Public Health had authorized hospital assistants' and obstetricians' stations to dispense drugs and medicinal preparations in the regions around Sochi. It is thus hoped that all farms will be able to obtain medicines in spite of the shortage of regular apothecary stations. At present 200 stations are dispensing drugs and medicines.

Medical workers of the Dnepropetrovsk region have achieved remarkable success in their rebuilding program. To date 19 hospitals and three polyclinics have been rebuilt. In the near future several new medical buildings will be completed. The community-building method is being utilized in Yur'yev Rayon to overcome the shortage of medical building facilities. A 110-bed hospital is almost completed in Krivoy Rog. The framework for an isolation hospital has been started in Novo-Moskovsk. The polyclinic at the Dnepropetrovsk Automobile Factory has moved into new quarters. Two hundred new doctors who graduated from Leningrad, Sverdlovsk, Tomsk, and other medical institutes have arrived in Kemerovo. The majority of the arrivals will be assigned to billets in the coal-mining regions. Seven young doctors were sent to the distant settlement of Gornoy Shorili.

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Authorities of the First State Ball Bearing Factory imeni L. M. Kaganovich in Moscow have revealed that a special air-conditioning system has been installed in their foundry and casting shops. The new system supplies a continuous flow of cool humidified air which has improved working conditions and actually increased production.

The Kiev Institute of Labor Hygiene and Occupation Diseases has a new method which guarantees the safety and comfort of laborers working in shops subjected to high temperature. The system involves the use of a very fine spray in places close to sources of the high temperature. The clothing of the laborers is moistened slightly, and the evaporation which subsequently takes place keeps the laborers cool. The system was installed and tested at the Factory imeni Artema.

A Tass correspondent sends an interesting bit of information on the collection of medicinal plants from the Tyan'-Shan' region in Kirgiz. Many hardy adventurers search the steep slopes of the Frunze region and collect specimens of aconite and hellebore at altitudes of 2,500 to 3,000 meters. These hardy searchers collected more than 250 tons of ephedra during the last season. This is of particular importance because ephedra is the source of a substance very effective in treating cardiac asthma and rheumatism.

A director of the Latvian Branch of "MeiSnabSbyt" informs the press that Engineer V. V. Tret'yakov has designed a new machine for faradization. It operates by battery and is particularly suited for use on farms and in rural communities.

The Yalta Institute of Climatotherapy of Tuberculosis will celebrate a quarter century of activity in November. A symposium of its activities is being prepared.

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